

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 1-4, 6, 8-16, and 18-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 11, 14, 22, and 24 have been amended. Claims 2-4, 6, 15-16, and 23 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 8-14, 18-22, and 24 remain pending.

Applicant has amended **Figure 2** to remove minor informality. Specifically, the reference numeral of the control fields, “206,” is replaced with “207” to be consistent with the Specification (Specification, p. 15, para. [0031]). Replacement sheet of the drawing is respectfully submitted herewith.

The Examiner objected to claim 6 in the Office Action. Claim 6 has been canceled without prejudice, thus obviating the objection.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6, 8-16, and 18-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Fahraeus (U.S. Patent No. 6,502,756; hereinafter “Fahraeus”). Claims 2-4, 6-7, 15-16, and 23 have been canceled without prejudice, thus obviating the rejection. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection on the remaining pending claims.

Claim 1 as amended sets forth:

recording identification information of an electronic application with a pen *when the pen is moved across an identification (ID) icon* on a hardcopy representation of the electronic application on a piece of paper, the ID icon being unique to the electronic application; (Claim 1 as amended; emphasis added)

In contrast, Fahraeus fails to disclose at least the above limitation. The Office Action analogized the text description 3 of various dishes on the menu (e.g., “Vegetable Soup,” “Smoked Salmon Toast,” “Veal Oscar,” etc. in **Figure 9** of Fahraeus) to be the identification (ID) icon as claimed (Office Action, p. 3, ln. 2-3). However, the identification information is not

recorded in Fahraeus when the pen is moved across the text description 3. According to Fahraeus, a sensor in the pen reads a position code 4 in the code area 5 on the menu and the position is transmitted to an order computer, which looks up the corresponding dish based on the position (Fahraeus, **Figure 5**; col. 19, ln. 32-49; col. 19, ln. 58 – col. 20, ln. 10). In other words, the text description 3 on the menu is for the customer to read. Identification information is not recorded when the pen moves across the text description 3. For at least this reason, claim 1 as amended is not anticipated by Fahraeus. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-13 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1. Thus, having additional limitations, claims 8-13 are not anticipated by Fahraeus for at least the reason discussed above with respect to claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 14 and 24 as amended are not anticipated by Fahraeus for at least the reason discussed above with respect to claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.


Claims 18-22 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 14. Thus, having additional limitations, claims 18-22 are not anticipated by Fahraeus for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 14. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome by the remarks, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the pending claims be allowed.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), Applicant hereby requests and authorizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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